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Comments: I urge you to reject the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project for the following reasons:

The drilling of up to 180 holes, which could be up to 1000 feet each, might contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed and potentially contaminate or cross-contaminate underground water sources. This is the water supply for Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base.

The area where the platforms would be situated is a sacred site or homeland to which Lakota people return ceremonially multiple times through out the year. Tribal sovereignty must be respected.

The activities necessary to do the proposed exploration would cause harm to the environment and wildlife.

I also am requesting a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so more people have an opportunity to comment

If the project is considered, there must be an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.